को पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान विभिन्न स्कीमों के अन्तर्गत पहाड़ों और पठारों सहित परती भूमि पर वनीकरण करने के लिए सहायता दी गई थी जिसका विवरण निम्न प्रकार है :–

क्रम सं०	स्कीम का नाम	दी गई धनराशि (लाख रुपए)		
		1989-90	1990-91	1991-92
1	समेकित परती भूमि विकास परियोजना	5.00	244.64	299.84
2	विकेन्द्रित जन पौधशालाएं	100.74	302.30	45.00
3	स्वैच्छिक एजेंसियों के लिए अनुदान सहायता	3.52	7.19	5.61
4	क्षेत्रोन्मुखी ईंधन लकड़ी और चारा परियोजना	3.97	85.00	172.09
5	हवाई बीजारोपण	19.50	14.38	21.15
6	लघु वनोपज	—	23.00	10.00

Driving Fossil Helps Aids Cure

848. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA . Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Indian Express, New Delhi dated 22nd April, 1992 under the caption 'Driving fossil helps AIDS cure' according to which a crab found in Orissa has marvellous medicinal properties ; and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take to protect this crab ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Yes, Sir. A news item captioned 'Living 'fossil helps AIDS cure' appeared in the Indian Express, New Delhi, dated the 22nd April, 1992.

(b) The horse-shoe crab, which is the species referred to in the news item mentioned above, is not listed in any of the Schedules to the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. However, the protection available to flora and fauna from pooching and other disturbances in the coastal and mangrove protected areas like sanctuaries and national parks, including the Sunderban Tiger Reserve, set up along the West Bengal and Orissa coasts, the notification issued by the Government of India under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, declaring coastal stretches as coastal regulation zones and regulating activities in the zone, which is aimed at protecting ecologically sensitive coastal and mangrove ureas from various development activities and the monitoring of coastal and marine pollution, help in conserving and protecting the horse-shoe crabs.

Setting Up of National Environment Tribunal

849. SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

DR. ABRAR AHMED : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposed National Environment Tribunal has since been set up;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay ; and

(c) whether Government are considering to set up various benches of the Tribunal